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IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reported today that the decrease in U.S. general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change,[1] from $2,193.5 million in June to $2,072.0 million in July,[2] reflected decreases in imports of 8 of the 10 Schedule A commodity sections. Individual sections showing sizable decreases were inedible crude materials, except fuels; machinery and transport equipment; food and live animals; chemicals; beverages and tobacco; and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials. Sections showing increases were miscellaneous manufactured articles and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material.

Leading commodities or groups of commodities registering decreases from June to July included standard newsprint paper; fresh, chilled or frozen beef; crude petroleum; wool and other animal hair (except on the skin); iron ore and concentrates; aircraft and parts; fish, shellfish, and preparations; nonelectric power generating machinery; and coffee. Among commodities or groups of commodities for which increases were reported were copper; sugar; gem diamonds; and iron and steel mill products.

[1] *On a seasonally adjusted basis, U.S. general imports during July were valued at $2,206.8 million. (See the July 1966 issue of Report FT 900-I). Seasonally adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.*

[2] *Month-to-month changes in imports and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements. Cumulations of data over 3 or 4 month periods are desirable to identify underlying trends.*

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EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the U.S. import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through U.S. Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from intransit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excluding the U.S. import duties, ocean freight and marine insurance.

RELIABILITY: Effective July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all shipments valued $251 and over (over 98 percent of the total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of all formal and informal entry shipments valued under $251 from commodity statistics. Prior to July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities were based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of the total import value) and thus subject to some error due to the omission from commodity statistics of all informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $251) and under $100 formal entry shipments. The statistics in this report are also subject to some error from such sources as the carryover of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES JULY 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. General imports are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouse. Imports for consumption are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for domestic consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1966 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1965 include all revisions published with December 1965 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1966. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
PART I--Summary Totals						
Total general imports of merchandise....value..	2,072.0	2,193.5	14,326.2	1,632.9	1,907.0	11,729.1
Total imports of merchandise for consumption.....value..	2,051.3	2,175.6	14,128.1	1,635.4	1,878.0	11,673.0
Free.....value..	703.6	781.3	5,142.6	548.6	653.8	4,143.3
Dutiable.....value..	1,347.6	1,394.3	8,985.5	1,086.8	1,224.2	7,529.7
PART II--General Imports of Merchandise, by Selected Schedule A Commodity Groupings and Principal Commodities						
Food and live animals.....value..	309.4	340.4	2,260.8	224.2	304.1	1,815.8
Cattle (except for breeding).....value..	2.8	3.8	44.4	5.6	6.0	32.5
Meat and preparations.....1,000 lb..	98,964	143,990	723,597	92,635	82,173	544,150
value..	46.2	65.4	331.5	36.4	34.1	220.6
Meat, fresh, chilled or frozen...1,000 lb..	67,498	107,405	490,561	64,465	49,313	360,178
value..	26.5	42.7	184.8	20.9	16.4	117.9
Beef, fresh, chilled or frozen.....1,000 lb..	56,045	88,443	385,660	53,493	38,296	291,780
value..	22.5	36.3	149.2	17.2	12.6	96.1
Other meat, canned, dried, etc...1,000 lb..	31,466	36,585	233,036	28,170	32,860	183,971
value..	19.7	22.7	146.7	15.5	17.7	102.7
Dairy products and eggs.....value..	4.2	5.3	34.4	2.7	3.8	23.9
Fish, including shellfish, and preparations.....value..	43.1	51.7	306.5	40.8	46.8	261.7
Fish, fresh, frozen, dried, salted, etc.....value..	37.0	43.6	255.2	34.7	37.0	214.2
Fish, canned and prepared.....1,000 lb..	16,103	17,703	119,118	11,861	20,784	96,131
value..	6.1	8.1	51.3	6.2	9.8	47.5
Grains and animal feeds.....value..	11.7	9.6	64.8	7.3	10.5	58.9
Fruits, nuts, and vegetables, except oil nuts.....value..	32.1	41.7	328.6	30.6	39.0	292.0
Fruit, fresh; edible nuts, fresh and dried, except oil nuts.....value..	20.4	25.9	167.1	18.7	22.9	153.7
Bananas, fresh.....1,000,000 lb..	265	348	2,134	250	318	2,078
value..	12.8	16.9	102.5	11.8	14.7	95.7
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	45	31	545	58	84	414
value..	9.3	6.2	84.9	8.6	13.2	70.7
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	208	222	1,754	160	242	1,383
value..	74.5	80.1	656.0	59.3	89.6	529.6
Tea and mate'.....1,000 lb..	8,450	10,671	79,372	6,374	11,035	71,362
value..	3.5	4.6	34.7	2.7	4.8	31.2
Sugar, cane or beet.....1,000,000 lb..	1,016	798	4,370	372	755	3,659
value..	61.7	47.3	258.0	21.9	42.9	206.1
Beverages and tobacco.....value..	36.1	46.2	361.8	32.6	33.3	296.1
Alcoholic beverages (whiskey, beer, wine, etc.).....value..	30.7	37.3	240.9	25.2	30.4	192.0
Whiskey and other distilled spirits.....1,000 PFG..	4,063	4,947	31,976	3,557	4,175	26,463
value..	23.3	28.7	186.8	20.0	22.9	149.2
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	9,532	13,386	187,137	12,463	4,077	154,781
value..	4.8	8.4	116.8	6.9	2.4	100.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....value..	261.7	**305.1	**1,892.8	**254.4	**273.7	**1,719.4
Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins.....value..	7.1	**8.6	**56.9	**7.7	**6.3	**51.1
Fur skins, undressed.....value..	5.3	**10.9	**84.4	**5.8	**7.1	**74.7

See footnotes at end of table.

U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES JULY 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels--Continued						
Oilseeds, oil nuts, oil kernels (copra, etc.).....value..	5.6	6.8	33.2	4.5	4.7	34.7
Crude (natural) rubber, excluding chlorinated.....1,000,000 lb..	59	96	596	70	96	562
value..	11.5	17.5	108.2	13.0	17.3	106.9
Lumber (sawmill products).....value..	38.1	43.4	249.3	36.0	36.4	211.6
Paper base stocks (wood pulp, pulpwood, etc.).....value..	38.4	39.7	256.8	33.5	38.1	238.6
Wood pulp.....1,000 s. ton..	277	297	1,901	244	288	1,773
value..	35.7	37.4	242.0	31.1	36.4	225.5
Textile fibers and waste.....value..	30.3	41.6	296.8	36.1	36.1	253.7
Cotton, raw, excluding linters and waste.....1,000 lb..	2,737	5,957	33,383	10,577	2,110	29,714
value..	0.9	2.3	12.7	4.1	0.8	11.2
Wool and other animal hair (except on the skin).....value..	18.4	27.7	192.0	21.9	23.6	166.2
Wool, unmanufactured, (except on the skin)[2] [3].....One mil. lb. clean yield..	20	28	192	24	25	164
One mil. lb. actual yield..	25	38	261	31	33	222
value..	14.0	22.2	152.9	17.2	17.9	130.7
Jute and other vegetable fibers.....value..	2.4	2.1	22.2	2.4	3.3	21.0
Industrial diamonds and other natural abrasives.....value..	5.5	4.5	40.5	5.3	4.3	33.8
Crude minerals, n.e.s. (asbestos, quartz, mica, fluorspar, etc.).....value..	11.6	13.0	84.2	9.7	10.4	68.9
Metal ores, concentrates, and scrap...value..	85.2	96.1	591.6	84.6	90.9	502.9
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	4,004	5,154	21,690	4,505	5,106	24,737
value..	42.0	51.2	215.2	45.5	51.8	242.1
Nonferrous base-metal ores and concentrates[3] [4].....value..	37.1	**35.2	**257.7	**36.4	**32.6	**234.3
Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials ..value..	188.1	193.8	1,327.9	149.5	214.4	1,299.9
Petroleum and products.....value..	181.5	183.3	1,250.2	142.8	205.9	1,226.0
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	44,328	49,815	295,897	35,228	58,286	293,495
value..	98.7	110.0	662.8	79.0	127.3	656.1
Petroleum products (including partly refined).....value..	82.8	73.3	587.4	63.8	78.5	569.9
Fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	31,322	29,953	241,256	24,129	28,808	228,168
value..	64.5	60.3	488.8	50.5	60.3	475.5
Gas, natural and manufactured (propane, butane, etc.).....value..	5.5	8.9	67.0	5.6	6.9	62.6
Animal and vegetable oils and fats .....value..	8.2	12.6	85.2	7.5	8.3	73.6
Coconut oil.....1,000 lb..	26,916	48,833	332,311	13,535	18,409	258,614
value..	2.8	5.5	41.0	2.1	2.8	34.8
Chemicals .....value..	71.9	**85.3	**551.5	**52.4	**63.3	**414.5
Chemical elements and compounds.....value..	34.5	**46.8	**269.1	**23.8	**33.7	**205.0
Organic chemicals.....value..	17.5	21.7	124.2	11.9	16.2	86.2
Uranium oxide.....1,000 lb..	197	891	3,007	-	429	3,287
value..	1.9	8.7	29.0	-	4.1	32.1
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	6.1	6.4	45.5	5.4	4.5	28.5
Fertilizers, manufactured[3].....value..	7.3	6.6	76.3	4.9	5.7	60.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material .....value..	555.3	**541.5	**3,566.6	**466.6	**526.5	**3,104.2
Leather.....value..	6.3	**7.0	**47.7	**5.1	**6.0	**34.5
Plywood, veneers, and other wood, worked.....value..	18.6	20.2	127.7	15.8	17.6	107.4
Paper and paperboard and manufactures.....value..	72.5	89.3	553.8	70.7	80.0	486.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material--Continued						
Paper and paperboard.....value..	70.6	87.6	543.8	69.3	78.4	478.0
Standard newsprint paper..1,000 s. ton..	494	632	3,996	518	581	3,520
value..	63.9	81.0	502.2	64.4	72.4	440.6
Textiles, excluding fibers and apparel.....value..	75.8	** 71.8	** 537.2	** 59.0	** 72.1	** 457.3
Yarn and thread.....1,000 lb..	14,274	10,464	79,680	4,623	4,925	33,950
value..	10.5	8.4	61.7	4.6	5.3	33.1
Cotton fabrics, woven (excluding narrow or special fabrics).....value..	13.8	10.3	87.3	11.6	12.9	81.8
Other woven fabrics (jute, wool, synthetic, silk, etc.).....value..	36.7	37.8	269.8	31.5	38.3	233.2
Fabric, wholly of jute, woven....value..	14.7	19.0	119.0	14.7	17.7	104.9
Woolen and worsted fabrics, woven.....1,000 sq. yd..	4,067	3,850	37,257	4,282	6,335	36,874
value..	6.6	6.3	60.8	7.3	10.6	62.1
Glass, glassware, pottery and china..value..	15.7	14.8	103.5	12.4	14.3	92.9
Gem diamonds.....1,000 carats..	396	285	2,185	375	220	1,758
value..	39.3	29.6	222.7	31.6	22.1	164.9
Iron and steel (including pig iron and ferroalloys).....value..	129.3	118.5	699.3	123.0	138.4	715.9
Iron and steel mill products.....value..	116.7	110.2	624.7	115.9	130.5	665.5
Wire rods, bars (including reinforcing), structurals, and piling.....1,000,000 lb..	709	759	4,306	723	904	4,680
value..	33.1	35.5	201.5	34.4	43.1	224.3
Universals, plates and sheets.....1,000,000 lb..	1,068	892	4,688	1,025	1,034	4,856
value..	54.3	46.6	249.4	54.1	57.8	269.9
Tubes, pipes and fittings.....1,000,000 lb..	215	194	1,178	195	215	1,185
value..	16.1	14.3	88.6	13.9	15.8	86.0
Nonferrous metals (excluding ores and scrap)[3] [5].....value..	131.5	125.3	860.8	97.5	117.6	682.1
Precious metals (mainly platinum)..value..	4.0	7.7	46.6	4.9	3.9	36.1
Copper and alloys - blister, refined, and mill shapes[3].....value..	57.5	39.8	307.4	26.5	44.5	230.0
Nickel and alloys - pigs and ingots, and mill shapes[3]...1,000,000 lb..	22	22	143	21	23	155
value..	16.4	16.4	106.8	16.5	16.7	114.1
Aluminum and alloys - primary and mill shapes[3].....value..	24.3	30.1	185.6	24.7	30.7	147.1
Tin and alloys - primary and mill shapes[3].....value..	10.4	9.6	90.4	10.4	12.0	76.9
Metal manufactures, n.e.s.....value..	35.7	36.2	228.3	28.4	32.6	203.0
Machinery and transport equipment.....value..	366.9	404.5	2,598.7	225.3	247.8	1,570.0
Machinery, total.....value..	212.0	216.0	1,384.5	130.7	145.6	932.4
Machinery, other than electric.....value..	131.3	139.4	895.5	88.6	94.2	619.9
Power generating machinery, non-electric (including engines)....value..	24.0	31.1	179.4	17.4	15.4	109.3
Tractors and agricultural machinery.....value..	23.3	21.7	165.6	18.2	19.3	125.3
Agricultural-type tractors (excluding parts and accessories)[6].....value..	2.6	3.5	17.4	0.8	1.0	6.3
Other tractors (contractors', truck tractors, etc.) and parts.....value..	2.5	2.7	17.9	1.6	2.5	14.1
Office machinery and computers...value..	13.9	16.7	103.4	10.6	11.2	75.4
Typewriters and parts.....value..	4.9	5.2	32.6	3.2	3.9	25.5
Metalworking machines (and machine tools).....value..	12.0	10.7	62.9	4.8	4.4	31.8
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	16.3	18.0	121.5	9.2	14.0	82.8
Other nonelectric machinery.....value..	41.7	41.1	262.8	28.4	29.9	195.3

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
Machinery and transport equipment--Continued						
Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances.....value..	80.7	76.6	489.0	42.1	51.3	312.5
Radio, TV, and other telecommunications equipment.....value..	33.8	31.5	217.2	19.2	25.2	144.6
Radio receiving sets.....number..	1,183,112	1,755,301	11,076,393	1,046,960	1,492,080	8,114,993
value..	7.4	9.4	63.7	6.8	9.2	52.5
Television receiving sets.....number..	123,250	102,132	692,686	65,372	69,220	495,516
value..	8.8	7.0	47.3	3.7	4.1	27.3
Transport equipment.....value..	154.9	188.6	1,214.2	94.6	102.2	637.6
Automobiles, busses, and trucks (including special purpose vehicles).....value..	98.4	110.1	724.9	50.3	56.5	374.2
Passenger cars, new.....value..	87.7	99.8	*670.3	48.4	54.6	356.1
Parts (excluding engines, tires, and electrical) for automobiles, busses, trucks, and special purpose vehicles.....value..	18.8	25.1	130.8	7.8	8.6	51.4
Parts for agricultural tractors....value..	4.4	6.4	38.1	4.5	4.7	29.4
Motorcycles (and motor scooters) and parts.....value..	14.3	20.1	141.7	17.4	13.4	74.8
Aircraft and parts - civilian and military (parts exclude tires, engines, and electrical).....value..	13.1	21.5	145.2	9.8	13.5	75.1
Miscelloneous manufactured articles.....value..	198.5	** 183.9	**1,200.5	**158.5	**169.0	**1,042.7
Clothing (excluding footwear).....value..	60.8	50.3	315.4	50.3	50.4	278.4
Footwear - rubber, leather, and other.....1,000 pr..	12,534	14,753	117,637	12,655	17,144	116,240
value..	15.4	15.0	104.7	12.0	12.2	91.0
Scientific, medical, optical, photographic, measuring and controlling instruments.....value..	16.8	17.1	113.2	14.9	13.9	97.5
Watches, clocks and parts.....value..	11.6	12.5	71.8	8.2	8.6	50.6
Musical instruments and parts, including phonographs, tape recorders, phonograph records, etc.....value..	15.8	14.4	97.2	11.4	12.5	76.8
Printed matter.....value..	8.0	7.5	53.2	5.1	5.5	40.2
Toys, sporting goods and amusement equipment.....value..	16.1	15.0	89.8	13.0	16.5	80.7
Artworks, collectors' items and antiques.....value..	9.9	7.7	71.8	10.1	9.1	77.8
Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind.....value..	76.0	80.1	480.3	61.8	66.6	393.0
U.S. goods returned.....value..	40.8	49.2	279.2	34.1	45.1	244.5
Low-value shipments[7].....value..	25.2	21.2	146.9	22.6	15.3	112.9
PART III--Other Selected Summary Commodity Groupings - (Consolidation of items dispersed among two or more Schedule A Sections of Part II)						
Wool, unmanufactured (including on the skin)[8]..value..	14.7	23.4	161.4	18.1	19.3	141.5
Fertilizers, crude and manufactured.....value..	8.9	7.9	86.3	6.1	7.2	70.3
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap[4][5].....value..	173.9	169.7	1,159.8	136.1	155.7	938.0
Copper and alloys.....value..	67.3	44.9	346.4	28.6	48.7	252.4
Bauxite, crude, refined (alumina), and calcined.....value..	8.6	11.1	82.1	14.1	11.6	85.0

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965		
	July	June	Jan.-July	July	June	Jan.-July
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap--Continued						
Aluminum and alloys.....value..	25.3	31.1	192.2	25.3	32.6	150.9
Nickel and alloys, including nickel oxide.....value..	16.4	16.4	107.1	16.6	16.8	114.6
Tin and alloys.....value..	10.6	9.9	96.9	10.4	13.0	84.0
Manganese and chromium ore and metal (excluding ferroalloyed forms)[4] [5]....value..	11.8	11.0	64.4	7.5	7.2	48.7

**Data revised to reflect imports from Canada which were inadvertently omitted from this class for the months of January-April 1966.*

***Effective with this issue data have been revised to reflect changes in the TSUSA/Schedule A concordance retroactive to January 1965. Because of technical problems, these revisions are not reflected in table 2 of the July issue of Report FT 900-I. The required revisions will be carried, however, to the August and subsequent issues of Report FT 900-I. Further information concerning these revisions can be obtained from the Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.*

- Represents zero.

Z Indicates less than $50,000.

[1] *Based on the commodity classifications listed in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States, as published in the special Census Bureau publication entitled "Changes in Presentation of U.S. Import Statistics Effective 1964." A "Supplement" to Report FT 930I showing the coverage for the individual commodity totals in terms of the Schedule A classifications is available on request.*

[2] *Excludes, also, wool-like hair of other animals (see footnote 8) whether on or off the skin. Wool and wool-like animal hair on the skin are included under "Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins;" cashmere goat-hair is included with "Fur skins, undressed." All unmanufactured wool and wool-like animal hair, whether on or off the skin, are combined in Part III of this table under the summary grouping "Wool unmanufactured (including on the skin)." See footnote 8.*

[3] *Consolidated in Part III of this table with similar commodities, dispersed among one or more other Schedule A commodity sections in Part III, and shown under appropriate descriptive headings.*

[4] *Includes ores of base-metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials: manganese, chromium, tungsten, titanium, molybdenum, vanadium, zirconium, etc.*

[5] *Includes base metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials but not yet processed into ferroalloys. (See footnote 4, above.)*

[6] *Parts and accessories for agricultural tractors are shown under "Transport equipment."*

[7] *Formal import entries valued at less than $100 and informal entries valued at $250 or less.*

[8] *Includes carbonized wool and wool-like hair of other animals, on or off the skin-e.g. camels hair, alpaca, cashmere, vicuna, angora, etc.*

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